Funding of Centrally sponsored schemes

299. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken by the Government for direct funding of Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) If so, the details of the modalities thereof;

(c) the details of amount released on Central Schemes separately through the consolidated funds of the States and also the amounts released to the implementing agencies directly by the Centre;year wise for the last 3 years;

(d) the spending percentage of each fund; the details separately; and

(e) whether the percentage of spending by the implementing agencies directly funded by Centre was less than the funds released through the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) In the meeting of Chief Ministers held on 18th October, 2002 at New Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, there was a consensus that henceforth all releases under Centrally Sponsored Schemes should be made through Consolidated Fund of the States and not directly to the project implementing agencies. It was also agreed that, as a pre-condition, the States will pass on the funds to the end-users within a stipulated time of three weeks, and inform the Administrative Ministry in the Government of India of having done so. Instructions have been issued accrodingly by the Ministry of Finance.

(c) to (e) Information is being collected.

Identifying priority sectors for development work

†300. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the priority sectors for completing the development work for the financial year 2003-2004;

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(b) if so, the priority-wise serial number of these sectors;

(c) the targets for these sectors for the whole year; and

(d) the norms fixed for the selection of these priority sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) No Sir. The Planning Commission has stressed for the completion of ongoing projects in all sectors.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Manufacturing of high security number plates

†301. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to give contract for manufacture of high security number plates to one company and as a result of which people will have to face great difficulties and exploitation;

(b) if so, whether Government would give this contract to other companies also for convenience of the people;

(c) if so, by when necessary action would be taken in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) No, Sir. The Government of India does not have any role in awarding contracts for manufacturing of security number plates. This work is to be done by the respective State Governments.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Road in West Bengal

302. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

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